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Mr. Larry Olney
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Re: Semi-Annual Progress Report 31

Dear Mr. Olney:

Please accept the enclosed 31th semi-annual progress report for the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB). This report was written in accordance with Specific Condition 27. A site inspection was conducted on December 27, 2019.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (850) 539-5999.

Sincerely,

David C. Clayton
Senior Environmental Scientist

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Sand Hill Lakes (SHLMB) Semi-Annual Progress Report 31
(January 29, 2019)

Permit requirements met and extent of work completed since the previous report:

1. All interim permit requirements have been met. The site continues to develop in accordance with the mitigation banking permit.
2. Fishing and hunting continued at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (SHLMB) throughout the winter and spring without incident in accordance with Specific Condition 8 and Attachment A of the permit.
3. In accordance with Specific Condition 8, security and law enforcement continued at the bank without any violations.
4. A total of 425 acres were burned in October 2019. This included a burn within the hydric pine flatwoods adjacent to Dry and Black pond as well as sandhills adjacent to Garret Pond and Black pond (Figure 1).
5. In accordance with Specific Conditions 22 and 25, surveys for exotic and nuisance species are conducted throughout the year. No exotic vegetation was observed at the SHLMB in 2019. No hog damage was observed during the site visit and no hogs have been observed on the game cameras.
6. Representative site photos are attached as Figures 2 through 6.

Restoration activities anticipated within the next 6 months:

1. Surveys for nuisance and exotic species will continue in the summer and fall of 2020 in accordance with specific condition 22.
2. Water Level gauges will continue to be recorded in 2020 in accordance with Specific Condition 12.
3. Feral hog control will continue following the end of hunting season in April.

Problems encountered and solutions undertaken:

1. No problems occurred at the SHLMB within the last six months. The site continues to develop, and site management follows permit conditions.

Certification:

I certify that this report represents true accurate and representative description of the activities and site conditions at the time of this report. This semi-annual report was written in accordance with Specific Condition 27, of the permit.

Attested by:

David C. Clayton
Environmental Scientist
Qualified Mitigation Supervisor

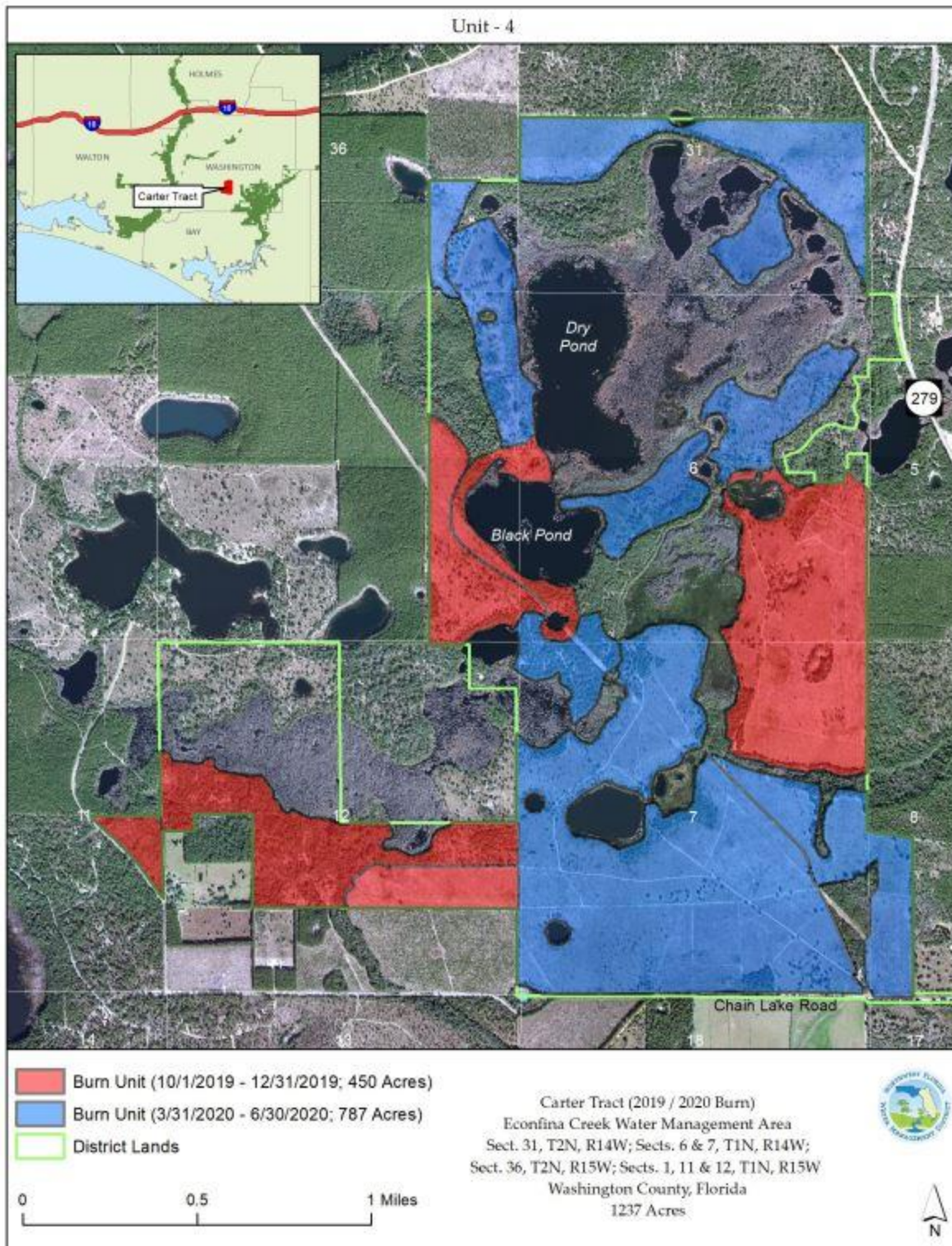


Figure 1. Fall burns conducted at the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank (450 acres)



Figure 2. Black Pond facing south (12/27/2019)



Figure 3. Hydric pine flatwoods restoration adjacent to Dry Pond, facing southwest (12/27/2019)



Figure 4. Sandhill restoration adjacent to Dykes Mill Pond, facing west (12/27/2019)



Figure 5. Hydric pine flatwoods restoration, facing southwest (12/27/19)



Figure 6. Green pond #2, facing west (12/27/2019)